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SUBJECT:MULTIREGIONAL PROJECT IN ADMINISTRATION OF THE ARTS

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1. DEPT ALSO DESIRES ENSURE SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECTS, BUT ON SAME BASIS AS OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM ANY ONE COUNTRY DEPENDS ON PARTICULAR MULTIREGIONAL PROJECT IN QUESTION AND NUMBER OF SLOTS AVAILABLE. COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN MULTIREGIONAL PROJECT ON ADMINISTRATION OF THE ARTS WILL EACH BE SENDING ONE PARTICIPANT. TO DATE CU HAS NOMINATIONS FROM JAMAICA, PAKISTAN, TUNISIA, AND URUGUAY, AND INTENTIONS TO NOMINATE FROM DENMARK, HUNGARY, POLAND, YUGOSLAVIA, MEXICO, PHILLIPINES, SIERRA LEONE, NEW GUINEA, SOUTH AFRICA, AND USSR. WITH THIS MIX OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR USSR TO BE ONLY COUNTRY WITH TWO PARTICIPANTS. BECAUSE THIS IS PILOT PROJECT IN NEW
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SERIES, CU IS ATTEMPTING TO KEEP THE GROUP SMALL, AND WE

ARE ALSO INFORMING BELGRADE THAT ONLY ONE OF ITS TWO PROPOSED NOMINATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

2. WE WOULD NOT WANT TO ESTABLISH PRECEDENT FOR SOVIETS TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE PROJECTS ON "DOUBLE OR NOTHING" BASIS, AND TRUST EMBASSY WILL STILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO NOMINATE ONE CANDIDATE, WITH MINCULT CONCURRENCE. IT MAY BE HELPFUL TO INFORM MINCULT THAT THERE MAY BE SIMILAR PROJECTS IN THE FUTURE FOR WHICH SOVIET PARTICIPATION WILL BE INVITED. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, ACCEPT BUTROVA, IF SHE SHOULD BE ONE NOMINATED. IN SUCH EVENT, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER KOKONIN FOR INDIVIDUAL IV NOMINATION.

3. DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION IS AUGUST 29. SISCO

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